

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Caia Park Partnership, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham.

Cllr Marc Jones (Chair)  
Cllr A. K Gregory (Vice Chair)

Cllr B. Cameron	*Cllr C. Lloyd
*Cllr B. Halley	Cllr C. Powell
Cllr C. Harper	Cllr B. Pritchard
Cllr J. Johnson	Cllr I. Viegas
Cllr S. Jones	Cllr Paul Williams
Cllr M. King	*Cllr P. M. Williams

\*Absent

Also present:

Insp. Paul Wycherley	North Wales Police
Mr. P. Scott	North Wales Fire & Rescue Service
PCSO's John Davies and R. Parry	North Wales Police
Mr. I. Lucas	MP Wrexham Constituency
Cllr R. Prince	WCBC Cartrefle Ward
Mr. R. Sheehan	NW Newspapers
17 Members of the public	

**122. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. B. Halley, C. Lloyd and P.M. Williams.

**123. POLICE MATTERS**

The Chair welcomed Insp Paul Wycherley, Mr. Paul Scott and members of the public to the meeting. He explained that they had been invited to attend to discuss concerns over the ongoing incidents of arson experienced within the community.

Insp Wycherley acknowledged that there was a particular problem in Caia and that broadly the arsons fell into three categories:

- Vehicles stolen in Caia or elsewhere and then destroyed
- Vehicles bought for cash in an auction then set on fire after using the vehicle for a criminal activity
- Malicious damage

He emphasized that the Police were heavily reliant on public intelligence and whilst some offenders had been caught, he was appealing to the public to come forward with any information. There was also ongoing engagement with young people to highlight the dangers.

Mr Paul Scott advised that the Fire & Rescue Service work in partnership with the Police and meet every two months to discuss arson issues. Recently a film had been

launched funded by monies received from the former Police & Crime Commissioner's budget. Young people were being targeted with information using theatre productions and the successful Pheonix project as well as Crimestoppers campaigns.

A Member enquired if there was a community action plan in place and if so could it be shared with the community council? Is there any possibility of extra policing in the area and will staff be available to continue with the Pheonix project?

It was confirmed that a plan was in place but whether that could be shared with a wider group would need to be checked. The Pheonix project would not be affected by any local changes to the Fire Service as it was funded direct from Wales Government. Insp Wycherley commented that the Police are not in a situation at present to add to the existing staffing compliment He added that there were currently 2 sergeants, 9 constables and 23 PCSOs covering the town area but obviously from time to time competing demands meant they were deployed to deal with particular problems such as recent issues at King Street bus station and Rhosddu.

A Member referred to a recent incident in the Colwyn Road area and commented that residents were living in fear and were afraid of any noises at night given cars are parked immediately under their windows. Concern was expressed that following these incidents there appeared to be no community follow up visits to offer reassurance or to seek information. Concern was also expressed over the frequent changes in PCSO personnel.

Insp Wycherley expressed concern and disappointment if follow up visits had not taken place. He reinforced his comment that there must be people who know who are committing these offences or have information. In his patrols he had often seen young children out on the streets at 11pm which is somewhat alarming. He advised that 7 PCSO's had applied for and been successful in joining the Police force which had resulted in staff turnover as PCSOs were only required to give 1 month notice. Mr. Scott advised that some of the grant from the former Police & Crime Commissioner had been given to Crimestoppers to encourage public participation. 5000 leaflets were distributed in Caia and whilst engagement with the public had increased it was in relation to crimes other than arson. There was a danger that this behaviour was becoming the norm.

The Chair reminded Members that the Community Council had offered a reward and had invested in CCTV cameras.

Several members expressed concern over the fluctuating levels of Police staffing in the community which have seen increased provision some years ago and which has now dwindled again. Noting that Wrexham has the largest shopping centre, night time economy and housing estates, the perception was that resources were not being fairly allocated across North Wales. Members referred to a previous standard of 1

Community Beat Manager per 4000 population whereas Caia has only got one with a population of 12,000.

Cllr R. Prince enquired if it would be possible for car manufacturers to consider using as much non-flammable material as possible in the construction of cars (particularly the number plates). Mr Scott agreed that this would be discussed at the next Forum meeting but it was difficult when dealing with a worldwide market.

Mr Ian Lucas advised that he had written to the Chief Constable over the allocation of Police resources in Wrexham and expected a response within 7 days.

Members of the public contributed at this stage giving details of their own experiences and those of their neighbours. Other issues raised included the relocation of the main Police station from Wrexham town and whether this would have an adverse effect, the misuse and condition of the County Borough Council's garage stock in Caia which was felt to contribute to crime in the area.

At this point the Chair thanked Insp Wycherley, Mr Paul Scott and members of the public for attending. Members then proceeded to receive the crime statistics for the month of February.

#### **124. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

***Resolved:** That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 be received and adopted as a true record. (Subject to recorded minute 106 (Accounts for payment) to be renumbered to read minute 121)*

#### **125. CCTV CAMERA (PM 110)**

The Clerk advised that he has contacted the suppliers of the cameras and it is likely that availability will be within the next 2/3 weeks. The Police had requested that the replacement camera is located in the same location (Bryn Hafod junction) although additional deterrents would need to be considered and agreed to prevent further theft.

Arising from the observation of a Member it was agreed that the camera currently located at Pentre Gwyn be turned to face the local shop.

It was also agreed to contact Wrexham CBC to establish when all of their cameras in the area would be upgraded and fully functional.

#### **126. MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr Paul Williams, A. K. Gregory and J. Johnson – Smithfield Residents Assoc  
Cllr. B. Cameron – Communities First Cluster Board Meeting

#### **127. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **(i) Wrexham CBC – Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) – Dog control**

This advised the new requirements of the PSPO requiring dog owners to:

- Remove their dog faeces from all public places within the whole of the County Borough
- Exclude dogs from bowling green playing surfaces, the playing areas of marked sports pitches and fenced children's play areas, skate parks, tennis courts and multi use games areas (apart from owners with assisted dogs)

- Place their dogs on a lead when directed by an authorised officer
  - Place their dogs on a lead around visitors centres and car parks in the parks
  - Place their dogs on a lead on a public road and pavement (excluding public rights of way footpaths and brideways)
- (ii) **Boundary Commission for Wales – link to second consultation process.**  
The Clerk advised that observations had been sent on behalf of the Council at the first stage consultation. *Resolved: To note the details*
- (iii) **Alzheimer’s Society - details of training sessions Racecourse Stadium 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
*Resolved: To note the details*
- (iv) **Welsh Government Planning Directorate – Draft guidance on the planning of gypsy, traveller and showpeople sites – website link**  
*Resolved: To note the details.*

**128. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2017**

The Clerk outlined the procedures for the forthcoming elections and handed nomination forms to those who expressed an interest for re-election.

**129. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

*Resolved: That no objection be raised to the following application:*

- (i) **P2017/0154 26 Charles Street, Wrexham**  
Change of use from shop to legal translation office.

*Resolved: That concern be expressed over the following application in view of the proposed access road to the site via Thornleigh and increasing traffic flow at the junction of Thorleigh and Cefn Road given the location of the children’s day nursery and the geometry of the road.*

- (ii) **P/2017/0145 22 Bryn Estyn Road, Wrexham**  
Erection of three detached dwellings with associated garages, parking and access.

**130. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

*Resolved: That the Council, in accordance with its powers under S137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:*

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| (i)  | Wrexham Gymnastics Club                 | - | £800 |
| (ii) | Bobath Children’s Therapy Centre, Wales | - | £50  |

Supplementary requests:

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| (iii) | Air Ambulance Wales             | - | £500 |
| (iv)  | Rhosnesni Residents Association | - | £400 |

(Councillor Brian Pritchard declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application from Rhosnesni Residents Association as a member of that organisation and withdrew from the meeting whilst the matter was under consideration).

### 131. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The financial statement for period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 was submitted.

**Resolved:** That the financial statement for the period be received and adopted.

### 132. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Accounts for payment March 2017

6990	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/environment		2799.00	
6996	British Gas	St Peter's Hall	*	411.76	
6997	Besthost	General Admin		10.50	
D.D.	SSE Electric	Cartrefle	*	131.53	
D.D.	SSE Electirc	St Peter's Hall	*	76.60	
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	*	83.28	
		CAS	*	<u>90.31</u>	191.65

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D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		13.62	
D..D.	Plus Net	St Peter's Hall	*	12.00	
6998	Wrexham Gymnastics Club	Donation		800.00	
6999	Bobath Children's Centre	Donation		50.00	
7000	Wales Air Ambulance	Donation		500.00	
7001	Rhosnesni Residents Assoc.	Donation		400.00	
7002	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/Environment		2174.89	
7003	Don Hughes Electrical	St Peter's Hall	*	63.44	
7004	British Gas	Prince Charles Rd (Elec)	*	609.25	
7005	British Gas	Prince Charles Rd (Gas)	*	782.05	
	Petty cash (stamps)	General Admin		20.00	
		CAS		<u>60.00</u>	80.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		32.00	

G. Evans (sal adj/travel)	CAS
P. Donellan (sal adj/travel)	CAS
J. Carter (sal adj/travel)	CAS
K. Walker (sal adj/travel)	CAS
A. Humphreys (sal adj Mar)	St Peter's Hall
L. Mills (sal adj)	General Admin
P. Jones (sal adj)	Prince Charles Rd
K. Cramer (sal adj)	Community Agent
H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Mar)
Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Mar)

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

